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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
DATED JULY 6, 2007

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 6, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring August 6, 2007. A petition for a four-month extension of time to respond is filed herewith, setting a new period for response that expires December 6, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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